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Sir:

As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application applied for on behalf of the inventor(s) according to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.41(c).

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Enclosed are:

<u>X</u>	A specification consisting of 67 pages
X	<u>11</u> sheet(s) of <u>formal</u> drawings
	Certified copy of Priority Document(s)
<u>X</u>	Executed Declaration in accordance with 37 CFR 1.64 will follow
	Applicant claims small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR 1.27
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X	Information Sheet
	Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 with reference(s)
	Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 CFR 1.76
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